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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicants are enclosing an Information Disclosure Citation Form (PTO-1449) which lists the references cited in the European Search Report issued for corresponding European Appln. No. EP 02 00 1021 dated October 1, 2003. U.S. Patent No. 5,885,743 is a family member of U.S. Patent No. 6,017,670.

Applicants certify under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)(1) that all documents submitted herewith were first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement. Accordingly, Applicants submit the fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(d) to obtain the Examiner's consideration of all documents listed in this Information Disclosure Statement.

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